

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEETING

August 25, 2017

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission public meeting began at 11:05 a.m. on Friday, August 25, 2017. Chairman Martin Honigberg, Commissioner Kathryn Bailey, and Commissioner Michael Giaimo were present. The following matters were discussed:

1. Approval of the August 21, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 Commission Meeting. Chairman Honigberg seconded the motion. Chairman Honigberg explained that this was Commissioner Michael Giaimo's first Commission meeting, and he had the option of voting or abstaining. Commissioner Giaimo abstained from voting. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

2. DRM 16-853, Rulemaking - Chapter Puc 2000 Competitive Electric Power Supplier and Aggregator Rules.

Chairman Honigberg introduced Commission staff attorney David Wiesner to explain the process of the conditional approval response and final adoption of the Puc 2000 rules. Attorney Wiesner explained that the plan was to cover two steps in the rulemaking process during the meeting: first, the adoption of a Conditional Approval Response intended to demonstrate compliance with the conditional approval granted by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR); and, second, the adoption of the final version of the rules including all approved amendments.

Attorney Wiesner noted that Attorney Aaron Mitchell of the Office of Legislative Services Administrative Rules Division (OLS) was in attendance and would review the Commission's approved Conditional Approval Response and related explanation letter and then provide a letter from OLS addressed to the Commission accepting the Conditional Approval Response and confirming that the Commission could proceed to adopt the final version of the rules.

Attorney Wiesner further noted that the JLCAR had effectively conditioned its approval of the amended rules on the expressed understanding that they not become effective until at least 60 days after filing with OLS. He stated it was Staff's preference that the amended rules become effective on November 1, 2017, because that would be the first day of a month.

Commissioner Bailey then moved to adopt the proposed Conditional Approval Response, and Chairman Honigberg seconded the motion. No one opposed, and Commissioner Giaimo abstained. The motion therefore carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Honigberg signed the cover letter of explanation addressed to OLS, and Attorney Wiesner provided the signed cover letter and approved Conditional Approval Response to Attorney Mitchell. Attorney Mitchell reviewed the filing package and provided OLS's Conditional Approval Confirmation Letter addressed to the Commission.

Commissioner Bailey then moved to adopt the final version of the Puc 2000 rules, with all amendments as included in the Conditional Approval Response, to become effective on November 1, 2017. Chairman Honigberg seconded the motion. No one opposed, and Commissioner Giaimo abstained. The motion therefore carried by unanimous vote.

3. New Business:

None.

4. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters:

None.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Honigberg and seconded by Commissioner Bailey. The motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous vote with no abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.